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MAKING SURE THE FIRE IS OUT--Tyler firefighters survey the scene after an early morning fire sweeps through Hudnall Planetarium, causing \$75,000 in damages and temporarily closing classes. The Planetarium plans to re-open this week.

Registration breaks old spring record

Registration hit an all-time high when it broke its own record with the largest ever spring enrollment this semester.

"As of the end of registration, we have had 7,727 students to enroll this semester," Registrar Bob Cullins said. "This is the largest spring enrollment ever."

Cullins said this is a 7 percent increase from last spring. "I think the reason for the increase is mainly for economic reasons," Cullins said. "Some of the students are enrolling to meet the exemption requirements for TASP (Texas Academic Skills Program). Maybe the students went

off to Baylor or Texas A&M last semester and didn't do too well and their parents sent them here."

The majority of the students live within the TJC district. Sixty-eight students are living outside of Texas, Cullins said. There are 131 non-residents living in here, because they have not met residence requirements.

Even with the increase of students, TJC is able to accommodate them.

"We have plenty of classrooms to meet the needs of the students," Cullins said. "What we don't have is a lot of parking space."

Hudnall Planetarium to open this week

Hudnall Planetarium, damaged by an early morning fire on Jan. 5, is expected to re-open its doors around Feb. 1.

"The Planetarium viewing room needs some cleaning and should be ready for school groups and classes in about a week," Planetarium Director Bill Walker said.

The Planetarium is temporarily shut down to public viewing and will not open for a couple of months, Walker said.

Five units and approximately 20 firemen brought the fire under control shortly after it was reported by a TJC

employee. The fire started around a heating unit on the top floor.

Most of the estimated \$75,000 worth of damage was in the top floor office space and reception area.

"We have been set back a couple of weeks by the fire, but will begin business as usual after the cleanup," Walker said. "We don't want people to mark us off and quit coming because of the fire."

Most of the class showings have been rescheduled for next month when classes meeting in the Planetarium will also resume.

The planetary projector, or "Starball," which reproduces the night sky onto the 30-foot-diameter domed roof in the viewing room, was not harmed by the fire, Walker said. A specialist will be brought in to examine the projector as an extra precaution.

At the time it opened Nov. 24, 1963, the Planetarium was one of the largest in Texas and was valued at \$220,000. The estimated value of the electronics equipment is \$300,000. The Planetarium was originally financed by the late J.S. Hudnall of Tyler.

One O'Clock Band to play here

The One O'Clock Lab Band will open the spring Student Enrichment Series with a performance at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow in Wise Auditorium.

The Band is an ensemble featuring 20 of the best jazz musicians at the University of North Texas.

Music Instructor J. W. Johnson who was a student at North Texas when the music program began in 1947, has seen the Band perform many times.

"They are the best in the country and possibly the world," Johnson said.

One O'Clock has earned an international reputation by performing showcase jazz in many foreign countries; Switzerland, Australia and the Soviet Union are a few.

Among other accomplishments, the Band was the first big band from a university to perform by presidential invitation at the White House, enter-

taining President Lyndon Johnson.

The Band is also the only U.S. representative and the only jazz orchestra invited to perform at the International Society of Music Educators Conference in Bristol, England, in 1982.

The Band started recording albums in 1967 and continues to do so, at least one a year.

Band members perform on saxophones, trumpets, trombones and rhythm instruments.

The performers are from 10 states and two foreign countries.

Neil Slater is the director of the Jazz studies at North Texas. His accomplishments rang from pianist and composer to conductor and clinician.

In 1987-88 Slater received awards for his compositions from the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers.

"The current director, Neil Slater, is young and more commercial than the former two directors," Johnson said. "He plays the latest in jazz for the young and plays from the Big Band Era."

Johnson expects the performance to be a big attraction. People are already picking up tickets.

Tickets are free and available in the Student Activities Office. They must be picked up in advanced.

The Enrichment Series has two additional speakers lined up for Spring.

Werner Fornos, president of the Population Institution in Washington D.C. will speak on population issues at 9 a.m. Feb. 22 in Wise Auditorium.

Dr. Michael DeBaKey, famed heart surgeon will discuss controversies in ethics and modern medicine at 11:15 a.m. March 16 also in Wise.

'A Lie of the Mind' to open Feb. 16

The first play this semester, "A Lie of the Mind" by Sam Sheppard will run Feb. 16-12 in Jean Browne Theatre in Wise Cultural Arts Center. "Lie" is a comedy/drama that Sheppard calls "a love ballad."

"It is a story of the destructiveness of love when we have the inability to communicate," Speech/Theater Coordinator Dr. David Crawford

said. "It is a good play for psychology and sociology students."

The cast includes: Jonathan Moon as Jake, Shea Whigam as Frankie, Anja Laubhan as Beth, Jon Kimlicko as Mike, Kathy Schlotach as Loraine, Julia Edenfield as Sally, Keith Emmons as Baylor and Anne Rye as Meg.

"Noises Off" by Micheal Frayn

will be presented April 27-May-2.

"It is a farce, a comic farce," Crawford said.

Auditions for "Noises Off" will be Feb. 27. Casting is reserved for students only.

The box office opens Monday Feb. 16 to reserve tickets for "Lie." Crawford encourages reservations because of limited seating.

Chairlift opens Library level

Handicapped students now have access to the second floor of Vaughn Library and Learning Resources Center through a recently installed chairlift.

The \$23,000 chairlift, designed for students on crutches or wheelchairs, is located on the east side in the stairwell. Handicapped students who need access to the second floor for research or to use the Interactive Learning Computer Center receive keys.

"The chairlift provides total independence to the students," Support Services Coordinator Vickie Geisel said. "It takes away that barrier of depending on others." One student uses the chairlift three times a week to go to his class located on the second floor.

'It takes away that barrier of depending on others.'

Formerly students relied on librarians who would bring the books and materials down to the first floor for the students.

Kristy Swan, Master Calendar/Information Program Specialist and former student said, "I think students at TJC are very fortunate to attend a college which continues to provide equal opportunities for everyone."

"The chairlift is one implementation of our long-range commitment to providing equal access for students," Geisel said, "because TJC cares about equal opportunity for everyone."



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MOVING ON UP--Kristy Swan travels up the stairs on the recently installed chairlift which gives handicapped students access to the second floor of Vaughn Library and Learning Resources Center. The chairlift, which cost \$23,000, is just one evidence of TJC's commitment to the handicapped and disabled.

Women's restrooms exhibit lack of concern

By LINDA ABEL
staff writer

Apparently, women's restrooms were an afterthought for the architect who designed several campus buildings. Most are in out-of-the-way, hard-to-find locations, creating difficulties for the handicapped.

Most students never give a second thought to stairs, restrooms, parking, doors and swalkways unless they have a temporary or permanent disability.

Sociology Instructor Rebecca Laughlin-Foster suggested one solution for handicapped students in Potter Hall. "Give the students keys to the faculty restrooms, and at the end of the semester the keys could be turned back in," she said.

Vickie Geisel, coordinator support services, is the person to contact about such problems.

"We depend on the students to let us know what works and what doesn't," Geisel said.

Last summer 13 new ramps were added on campus. Geisel credits Physical Plant Director Bill Parker for his quick response to handicap needs.

"Maintenance personnel are the reason things run so smoothly for the students with a disability," Geisel said.

"There needs to be more parking spaces for the handicapped," Tyler Freshman Kelli Childs said. "They're so scattered out. It seems they could use the parking lot in front of the Student Center."

'Most students never give a second thought to stairs, restrooms, parking...'

More handicapped parking will be added, Geisel said. A chair lift has been installed in Vaughn Library and also at the HPE pool.

Pay phones are to be lowered, and by fall 1989 a campus map will show the curb cuts, restroom accessibility and other pertinent information for disabled students.

Houston Freshman Kristen Lundberg chose TJC over other junior colleges because of its support system and compressed campus. "I find it pretty accessible," she said.

Lundberg has made suggestions accompanied with her own drawings for improvements to help students with special needs.

"The maintenance personnel are quick to make changes, but it takes the student to say 'Hey, we need something,'" Geisel said. "We're trying to be more conscious of the little things. We will meet any request within reason."

TJC also offers services for the visual and hearing impaired. For more information, a brochure is available in Geisel's office in the Counseling Center.

Phi Theta Kappa chapter inducts 82 for fall semester

Of 343 eligible students, 82 joined the Alpha Omicron Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa late last semester. They have accumulated at least 12 hours of work in a degree plan and have a GPA of 3.5 or better. They were initiated in December.

They are: Nancy D. Adams, Lyle Gill Agnew, Maxine G. Barnett, Leslie Beddingfield, Owen L. Bickford, Tim E. Birckbichler, Janet Ann Boon, Patricia A. Bradshaw, Christi A. Britton, Sinda K. Burris, Jimmy Wayne Callens, Daniel P. Campbell and Rhonda Gay Carroll.

Other are: Casey R. Chadwick, Donna Delores Cole, Michael P. Creech, Linda Sue Davis, Lesley E. Fagg, Vickie M. Faunce, Rainey Freeman, Sharon Elyse Gehring, Connie Eileen Gibson, Sharon L. Gilmore, Stacey Leigh Gober, Mike Roger Gorham, Stephen Mark Graham, Krystie L. Greeney, Jerald A. Hairford, Sharon Kay Hamilton, Diana Lynn Hanson and Selena A. Henderson.

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Also included are: Jeffrey C. Hicks, Miki Joanne Hicks, Betty Jane Hobbs, John M. Hocker, Peggy Jo Holloway, Dorte Holm-Larsen, Melissa A. Jackson, Kerry Ann Kelley, Carrie Ann Kennedy, Cheryl Renee King, Billy Ray Knight, Shelley L. Little, Gerald W. Littrell, Lisa L. Livingston, William T. Lockley, Teresia Ann Maddox, Lois K. McGaughey, Laura J. Memmel, Melissa Ann Mizzles and Carloyn J. Morales.

Also initiated were: Samuel A. Patterson, Donna Sue Peebles, Lisa Ann Peek, Stephanie L. Polley, Diana N. Pritchard, William S. Rushing, Velma F. Sanders, Stephanie Weeks Scruggs, Donna Jean Shinn, Harry F. Shoemaker, James E. Smith, Jr., Johnnie B. Smith, Larry M. Stone, Jr., Monte Peter Stoudt, Shelia S. Strickland, Norma Ruth Stroup and Cathy Ann Swanson.

Finally, Sharon Kay Sypert, Linda N. Thomas, Stacy Lynn Vaden, Christine Alma Veien, Sandra Gail Wade, Doris E. Walthall, Susan Carlock Ward, Janet Sue Weesner, Lana Paulette Wells, Rhonda Leigh White, Holly Anne Williams, William H. Wilson, Cassie Jo Yancy, and Leigh N. Yeager.

Phi Theta Kappa is directed by English Instructors Lena Exum and Judy Turman, Computer Science Instructor Greg Beaton, Biology Instructor Jeanette Stewart, and Health Coordinator Rollie Schick.

Campus Briefs

1,000 attend dance

An estimated 800 to 1,000 students jammed the Student Center last Thursday night for the "Darn Good to See You" Dance, Student Activities Director Emma Lou Prater said.

The Student Senate sponsored this annual "welcome back and traditional beginning of RUSH party."

The DeeJay was Dave Goldman, who Prater credited as deejaying most Senate dances.

The next Senate-sponsored dance, Valentine's Day, Feb. 14 in the Student Center will be free, as are all Senate activities.

"Our student activities are outgrowing our building," Prater said.

The new Student Center should give considerable more room for next year's activities, she said.

Nurse to survey all

Students who visit campus Health Service facilities this semester will complete a 13-question survey before the nurse sees them.

This "health survey" is part of a self-study campus-wide reaffirmation of our accreditation in 1990 by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Health Services Coordinator Zelda Boucher explained.

"It is an important process for upward growth," Boucher said. "Students may be asked to do surveys in other areas besides this one," she added, "because this survey is only part of campus-wide efforts."

Students must fill out the survey only once. Results are strictly confidential, Boucher said. Health Services is open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Tutors give help

Tutors are available for students who need help with difficult classes. Students are encouraged by counselors and faculty to start tutoring early in the semester.

Support Services Coordinator Vickie Geisel said students can start being tutored as early as the second week of the semester.

Students who need tutors should go to the Counseling Center and fill out an application form, Geisel said. Tutors are available for most classes.

Students interested in becoming tutors should apply at the Counseling Center, Geisel said.

Student tutors are paid for their services.

Grad deadline nears

Students eligible for spring semester graduation and commencement exercises must apply no later than March 1, Records Clerk Sharon Watson said.

graduation costs \$15. The ceremony is planned to begin at 7:30 p.m. May 16.

The Ceremony includes guest speakers and presentation of honor graduates, Watson said. It has not been decided whether degrees will be awarded at the actual ceremony or mailed to recipients afterward.

Cruises offer jobs

More than 40 cruise ship lines are recruiting to fill positions on spring and summer cruises. Cruise Lines International offers employment information and job listings, CLI Spokesman Patrick Kennedy said.

Jobs available include: assistant cruise directors, casino dealers, casino cahiers, lifeguards, musicians, bartenders, deckhands and photographers.

Cruise Lines International is not a employment agency and does not charge employment fees. Jobs vary to suit short-term plans and those who decide to work full-time.

For more information call Kennedy at 216-749-9373 or write Cruise Lines International, 444 Brickell Avenue, Plaza 51353, Miami, Florida 33131-2492.

I.D. required to eat

"No Show No Go" students entering the cafeteria read at the front desk. The sign lets students know they must show their valid student identification cards before they are permitted to enter the dining area, Cashier Linda Pierce said.

"Any students that do not have their I.D.'s will not enter unless they pay \$4.50," Pierce said.

Students who use the cafeteria must have a numbered gold sticker on their I.D. card.

"We check to be certain the numbers match," Pierce said. This avoids the problem of other students stealing cards and using them. Many students say they did it as a prank and did not realize the seriousness of the situation.

"It's a serious offense. Charges can be brought against them for theft of a service," Pierce said.

To use the cafeteria, students can pay as a part of their dorm fees, to get a computer 10-punch key card for \$40. Students also can pay \$4.50 and eat a meal.

"Not under any circumstances will a student enter without proper identification," Pierce said.

Author seeks stories

Author Malcon Abrams wants Anecdotes for a book called "Overheard in America, a Conversation History of the 1980's."

Each story should run 50 to 350 words and all contributors will receive credit in the book and \$25 for each submission.

Anecdotes may be about trivial matters, but they should illustrate something about American life in the 80's.

Appropriate subject matter includes family, love, sex, sports, marriage, politics, the

presidency, aging, exercise, diet, money, the economy, crime, illness, art, movies, TV, advertising, health, death, and taxes, Abrams said.

Specify where the story took place.

Submissions should be mailed to Abrams, 305 E. 40th St., #15-H, New York, N.Y. 10016.

Stories will not be returned.

Computers list jobs

Looking for a job in an unfamiliar town is difficult, but TJC has a way to scout out jobs.

In the Counseling Center, a computer terminal lists available part-time and full-time jobs.

Most employers have learned about the computer through word of mouth, said Dr. Terry Walch, development and placement counselor.

"It has become somewhat of a tradition. It has been available to students for as long as I've been here, and that's been seven years," Walch said.

Approximately 30 to 40 students use the computer a day to find work.

"Most of the jobs are part-time," Walch said, but the usage is fairly steady.

The computer can be used between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Fridays.

"Other job listings can be found on the bulletin board in the Career Development and Placement Cen

in the Registrar's office, advises students to check eligibility with their advisors of counselors before filling out application and surveys.

Commencement is Tuesday, May 16, in Wagstaff Gym.

Coors to give funds

The Adolph Coors Company will sponsor Coors veterans' Memorial Scholarships for the fifth consecutive year. Coors will award \$500,000 to at least 100 sons and daughters of American veterans worldwide.

Deadline for completed applications is March 15.

Applicants must be 22 years old or younger as of March 15. They must be enrolled full-time in an accredited four-year institution or an accredited two-year program leading to a four-year undergraduate degree.

Applicants must also have at least a 3.0 cumulative college GPA.

Applicants must be the child of a honorably discharged American veteran, active duty military (minimum six years or called to active duty) or American service person killed in action of one who died in the line of duty.

"This is one of the best ways we can thank veterans who have helped America," brewing Division President Peter Coors said.

Scholarship applications are available at college financial aid offices, by calling 1-800-

49Coors or by writing Coors Veteran Memorial Scholarship Fund, P.O. box 3111, Northbrook, Ill 60065.

The Adolph Coors Company, America's fourth largest brewer, has contributed more than \$2 million to 487 students.

Dorm staff to meet

TJC representatives will attend the annual Southwest Association of College and University Housing conference, March 4-8 in Hot Springs, Ark.

TJC is the only community college represented in the SWACUHO program committee and the only one presenting programs at the Hot Springs conference, Residential Life Director John Smith said.

Smith and hall coordinators Lynn Gokelman from Sledge and Cheryl Fillion from Bateman will present three programs during the conference.

"There's No Place Like Home When You Live at Work" will deal with the unique stress of a live-in position.

"Enabling: Help or Hindrance?" examines the recognition of inappropriate behavior using a substance abuse concept.

The third is a roundtable titled "JuCo Blues" which discusses common problems and possible solutions for junior colleges.

Smith, Gokelman and Fillion are members of the program committee.

Spirit speaker named

Spiritual Emphasis Week is set for March 13-14. The speaker will be Kenneth Woodward, Newsweek Magazine religious editor.

Anyone interested in helping with the promotion of this event can contact someone on the Spiritual Life Committee, said Chairman Dr. Charles Stelding.

Harvey Beckendorf, Richard Minter, Stelding, Joy Watson, Emma Lou Prater, Bob Mayfield, Bill Crowe, B.J. Doggett and Radiance Young are members of the committee.

Videotapes available

Students often wonder about the causes of AIDS, how to deal with peer pressure or to avoid getting involved with drugs.

Health Services Coordinator Zelda Boucher has tapes on such topics which are available to students or to their groups or organizations.

Tapes deal with AIDS, drugs and choosing not to use drugs. TJC has access to videos on alcohol. Boucher hopes to order tapes about stress.

The videos can be rented for the evening or Boucher will present them.

Basketball Briefs

Ladies beat Temple in overtime

Apache Ladies rallied to beat Temple Junior College 72-66 in overtime Jan. 17.

"We struggled through the whole game and we didn't panic," Apache Ladies Coach Charles Mancil said.

Bobbie Bean scored 5 of her 20 points in overtime to lead the Ladies.

Kim Sebek hit 13 points. Barbara Brown contributed 10 points and grabbed 7 boards.

At the end of regulation play the score was tied 62-62.

"We kept it close and played great defense," Mancil said.

The 72-66 win was the Ladies' third victory against Temple Junior College this season.

"It's good to win on the road," Mancil added.

Ellis paces Apaches to victory

Ronald Ellis hit 18 points and captured 16 rebounds to lead the Apaches to a 90-81 victory over Lon Morris in conference action Jan. 18.

"It was a big win because we both came in the contest 3-2 and the win put us 4-2, chasing Angelina (5-1) and JBC (6-0)," Apache Coach Roy Thomas said.

Byron Smith scored 19 points and Robert Pack added 10. Ellis contributed 7 assists and 4 steals.

"Ron (Ellis) has put together three super games back to back," Thomas said. "In the last three games he's averaged 15 rebounds."

Roosevelt Powell had four steals and Milton Hamilton poured in 10 points.

"We appreciate the student support coming to Lon Morris because it can make a difference. Hopefully they will keep it up," Coach Thomas added.

Kilgore edges Apache Ladies

Kilgore College edged the Apache Ladies, 90-89, in a TEC conference battle Jan. 21 in Wagstaff Gymnasium.

The basketball game went down to the wire. With 37 seconds left on the clock, TJC was down by four points, 90-86.

Vonda Scott, who came off the bench to score a career high 24 points along with 3 steals, was fouled on an attempt to convert a lay-up after a steal by Amy Hyde. She hit both free throws with 33 seconds left pulling the score 90-88.

Seconds later TJC forced another Kilgore turnover and Scott returned to the foul line.

With two seconds left, Scott hit the front end of a one and one, but the second free throw attempt fell short. Kilgore controlled the boards on the miss.

Bobbie Bean also poured in 24 points. Kim Sebek had 17 points, 8 rebounds and 8 assists. Barbara Brown snagged 7 rebounds in the game.

Win ups Men's record to 17-2

The Men's roundball squad moved to 6-2 in conference last Wednesday, Jan. 25 with an 89-72 thumping of the Trinity Valley Community College Cardinals. The win upped Tyler's season record to 17-2.

The Tribe jumped to an early 23-12 lead, thanks in part to guard Byron Smith's hot hands which scored 25 points, including four 3-pointers. The Cardinals went into the locker room at halftime trailing by seven, 39-32.

Coach Roy Thomas' squad stretched their lead in the next three minutes to 50-38. TVCC scored six straight to close within six. After that, the Apaches took control for nine minutes and held a commanding 17 point lead with only five minutes left in the contest. They coasted to victory from there.

Robert Pack scored 21 points and had 6 assists, while Jamar Thompson added 14 points and Roosevelt Powell chipped in 12.

"The one thing that we have been able to do since Christmas is play with intensity. I think that has set this team apart from previous ballclubs here during my tenure," Thomas said.

Ladies lose to Lady Cardinals

Apache Ladies lost to Trinity Valley Community College 89-74 in conference action Jan. 25 in Athens.

TJCheld a 38-34 halftime advantage, but could not hang on to win.

Gabbi Olden and Vonda Scott poured in 11 points each. Scott also had 4 assists. Nedra Johnson scored 10 points and dished out 6 assists.

The lose drops the Ladies to 14-12 on the season and 1-4 in TEC play.

Apache Ladies host Paris Junior College at 6 p.m. tonight in Wagstaff Gymnasium.

Men post 16-2 record during 1st half season

By DAVID BARRON
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Halfway through the season, the Apache Men's Basketball Team has an impressive 16-2 record, including a 5-2 second place standing in TEC play.

Coach Roy Thomas' squad opened with nine straight victories, including key wins over Triton Junior College of Chicago and an 89-86 thriller of San Jacinto. It was Tyler's first victory over the perennially powerful Ravens in six years.

"We open the conference race with Paris in Paris and that'll be tough," Thomas predicted. He proved prophetic as the Dragons upended the Tribe 84-87.

The Apaches then met 9-3 Navarro in a key early game. Only four teams in a talent-laden conference would make the playoffs, putting TJC in an early must-win situation. A loss would have put them in a precarious position to make the post-season tourney.

They escaped with an 86-79 victory over the Bulldogs. Robert Pack paced the Apaches with 21 points, while Roosevelt Powell added 15. Northwestern transfer Byron Smith pumped in 14 and Derrick Daniel posted 16.

Tyler than handed the Angelina College Roadrunners, who were 3-0 in conference, their first league loss, 94-87.

Smith lead six men in double figures with 18 points, followed by Ronald Ellis with 16, Milton Hamilton, 13; Daniel, 11; Maurice Alexander, 10 and Pack, 10. At the be-

ginning of Christmas break, Tyler stood 2-1 in conference, 11-1 overall.

During the holidays, Thomas learned that he had lost Daniel and Keith Dudley, two key big men, as academic casualties. This meant that, more than ever, his backcourt tandem of Pack and Smith would have to provide the on-the-court leadership if the Apaches were to compete for post-season laurels.

Enter Freshman Jamar Thompson, who had regained his eligibility and was immediately thrust in the spotlight as a new front court starter.

Off for almost a month, the Apaches opened the Kilgore Classic by whipping Wharton 93-72, paced by the one-two Smith and Pack tandem with 21 and 18 points. They disposed of Arkansas' Southern Baptist in impressive fashion, 97-64. Steve Thompson scored 18 points in the onslaught and was joined in double digit scoring by Powell with 14, Smith with 15 and Alexander, J. Thompson and Pack at 10 each.

They returned to family play with a gaudy 13-1 record. But even more impressive, was their opponent, Jacksonville, who sported the No. 2 ranking in the nation. Tyler lost a 92-89 heartbreaker by missing two one and one free throw opportunities in the last 1:35 of the game. The Jaguars hit an incredible 30 of 32 from the charity stripe while Tyler could only convert 13 of 19. The backcourt duo of Pack and Smith, along with Alexander off the bench, accounted for an amazing 55 points in the narrow loss. Ellis had 14 rebounds as the Tribe now stood 2-2 in conference.

The Tribe disposed of the Panola Ponies, 93-74. Ellis again grabbed 14 rebounds, along with 15 points. Pack paced scoring again blistering the nets for 25. Alexander and Powell chipped in with 13 and 11.

Tyler then dropped the Lon Morris Bearcats, who, like the Apaches, stood 3-2 in conference. Ellis again paced the Apaches 90-81 win, with strong inside play, 18 points and 16 boards. Smith led all scorers with 19, while Pack had 15, and Hamilton 10.

Their last conference game, against the Kilgore Rangers, proved no match as Tyler waltzed to a 101-76 victory. Ellis was unstoppable underneath, amassing 27 points along with 20 rebounds, his fourth straight game to garner at least 14 boards. Pack again scored 25 points, while J. Thompson and Powell had 12 and 10, respectively.

"We're off to a good start, but we have a lot to improve on," Thomas said. "We've got to improve on defense, rebounding and just execution in general, taking care of the basketball."

"The thing that is carrying us is our backcourt and small forwards. We're a young ballclub. Ronald Ellis is starting to come alive and once he gains more experience, we will have become a better ballclub," he said.

Pacing Tyler statistically in conference play thus far are: Ellis, averaging approximately 13 points and 13 rebounds per game, Pack with about 19 points and 9 assists a game, Powell at 10 points and 6 assists per game and Smith with 14 points per outing.

Apache Ladies escape injury in Florida van accident

By KIM SEBEK
staff writer

Five Apache Ladies escaped injury in a van accident in late December. The accident occurred as the team was returning to Tyler after playing in the Florida Community College of Champions.

The TJC Chevy van, driven by a player, apparently swerved off the road, spun sideways and rolled three times.

Fortunately, the five team members walked away from the accident.

"It was just a major sigh of relief when everyone walked out of the van with no serious injuries along with a silent 'Thank you, Jesus,'" Apache Coach Charles Mancil said.

"It was just a major sigh of relief. . . along with a 'Thank you Jesus.'"

The accident occurred at 7:45 a.m. Dec. 22 on Interstate 10 approximately three miles east of Madison, Fla.

The van driver appeared to have fallen asleep at the wheel and lost control of the vehicle.

The Ladies continued homeward in the other two vehicles, a TJC station wagon and a Suburban, after the accident report was completed and the girls were checked out at the hospital.

They were 17 hours away from home.

No policy changes have been made about traveling procedures and none are expected in the near future, Mancil said.

The Ladies placed third in the Tournament of Champions.

"In Florida we began to reach our potential and we haven't played as well since then," Mancil said.

"We have not fully recovered from that (the wreck) somehow," Mancil added.

Sophomore Kelle Mitchell has recently been checked by the doctor for injuries due to the accident. She will be out for the remainder of the season.